

# This Just In ...

*A Bulletin for News of Political Prisoners and POWs*

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**Ed Note: Several prisons have been withholding This Just In from the prisoners. TJI is instituting action based on First Amendment guarantees through the National Emergency Liberties Committee.**

THE ROSENBERG FUND FOR CHILDREN, 1145 Main St., Suite 406, Springfield, MA 01103, has "instituted a limited pilot Travel Grant Program for children who have been separated from their activist parents (parents who have suffered because of their progressive activities)." This would apply to "families with one or more parents in a federal or state prison far from home." Write RFC for more information.

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AKONO G. OLANTUNJI writes from Maximum Control Complex, Westville, IN: "[In] answer to your question [as to] why I consider myself a political prisoner--This is due primarily to my adoption of The Malcolm X Grassroots Movement's definition of P.P./POWs, not only are those persons arrested, framed up and otherwise imprisoned because of relatively peaceful political activity against the oppressive conditions of our people considered political prisoners but also those politically unconscious people locked up for committing social crimes, who become politically conscious while incarcerated and likewise begin educating, agitating and organizing. We know these persons are subjected to extreme persecution, from being given added jail/prison time, to beatings, to being shipped off to the nearest breaking house (control units)." \*\*\* "My situation in terms of my P.P. status stems from the latter criteria. I was not arrested for any political reasons but rather for rape, a crime for which I

maintain my innocence. Nevertheless, I was tried, convicted and sentenced to 46 years."

\*\*\* "For as long as I can remember I've always resisted the neo-colonial ideology. However, it wasn't until 1989 that I met Kalonji Jihad and began my conscious development. Since that time my involvement in struggle has been endless. From waging successful demonstrations against the prison administration and ultimately the entire DOC, to establishing a successful afrocentric political science class. But what I am most proud of, aside from my own transition, is the Temple of Afrikan National Colonial Liberation (TANCL) an organization I founded in 1993. This formation is designed to galvanize and politicize that element of the proletariat from which I hail (i.e. Street Nations, street element, gangs, etc.). I am of the belief that had it not been for Bro Jihad's uncanny ability to relate to me and others like me at the start of my transition I would have not accepted what I know today to be fundamental to my/our existence as a people." \*\*\* "I recently read an interview you did w/Comrade Acoli--most impressive and informative." \*\*\* "I had a public defender rep. me on a past conviction remedy--I was rep. by a public defender in my initial trial --understandably I'm not optimistic." \*\*\* "I go as I come in Peace & Struggle.."

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TOM MANNING writes from Florence:

"International Women's Day greetings!" \*\*\* "Things are OK with me--the struggle continues!" \*\*\* "The Feb. issue of 'TJI' has been seized as contraband. I'm in the process of appealing. I'll send you copies of all appeal related documents as soon as I can." \*\*\* "Things are OK with Carol & kids; I talked to them all this week. Jon plays a semi-final basketball game tonight--he promised me a sports

report. Tamara has a research project due today: Arthur Miller/The Crucible and how the McCarthy era affected his craft. She promised me a copy." \*\*\* Later: "I just received the institutional level refusal of the appeal of the seizure of *This Just In...* Now I bring it to the regional level" \*\*\* Tommy also includes a newsclip with the headline, "This Just In: Mississippi Abolishes Slavery." \*\*\* "The struggle continues..."

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**DYLICIA PAGAN** remains in FCI Dublin, CA. She writes: "On Sept. 26, 1994 I went before the parole commission. My case was reviewed by one examiner and ...I received my notice of action which stated 'your case has been referred to the National Commission for a decision.' The examiner who heard my initial review recommended that I do another 15 years in prison." \*\*\* Ana Maria Fontanez, Dylcia's friend, writes: "The good news is: there are two wonderful lawyers working on her appeal, Rafael Anglada in Puerto Rico and Mario Conte in California, both donating their services to Dylcia. Another good news is: Dylcia is feeling hopeful that she will be reunited with her son Guillermo soon after this appeal, which is scheduled for June."

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**MOHAMMED ALI** writes from MCC-New York: "We started the trial 1/9/95." \*\*\* Family: "The children are good. They pray for all." \*\*\* "The trial is moving very well after seeing the star witness for the government collapse before the cross from the defense. I say the lie will never stay strong. One day [it will] fall and collapse." \*\*\* "I say hello to all brothers anywhere they are and salaam. I ask them to pray for us." \*\*\* "May Allah give all of us the victory!"

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**STANDING DEER WILSON** sends us a report from Huntsville, TX, called "Worse Criminals Run Amok" from a newsletter "Voices from Prison. He writes of "Four Texas prisons involved in the Internal Affairs probe in which 30 guards are being investigated for organized

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criminal conduct." The prisons are McConnell in Beeville, TX, where a group of guards known as the 'Blue Bandannas' have been operating and "Robertson Prison near Abilene, TX, where 4 prisoners were beaten so badly that the brutality could not be covered up. Internal Affairs is investigating...which is akin to the fox investigating the chicken coop." "At Michael Prison at Tennessee Colony, TX, 6 prisoners were beaten and brutalized. The County D.A. refused to prosecute...Now the federal authorities have taken over the prosecution of 10 Michael guards. I never thought I'd be glad to see the Feds ride in..." \*\*\* "The real death kkkamp has been Terrell Prison just outside Livingston, TX...Prisoners were terrorized by guards who attacked them sporadically for seven hours...." \*\*\* "George Bush Jr., the new governor, has promised to make the prisons miserable...The legislature has cut our gate money down from \$200 to \$50...Legislation has passed that says that once you lose your good time you can never get it back...The more macho among us are grumbling because they are making us wear girl pants, i.e. trousers with no pockets and no fly...All tobacco products will become contraband for prisoners and guards alike." \*\*\* "A story I read somewhere came to mind. One of Napoleon's ministers advised him to make Devil's Island into a prison where they could cast the most terrible murderers of the day. 'But who will guard such criminals?' he asked. 'Worse criminals,' the minister replied..." \*\*\* "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse."

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**MARK COOK** writes from Washington State Reformatory: "Governor has asked for a report on my situation--unsolicited by my support committee. Motion for immediate release heard March 10th and pending in Federal court. State is not opposing motion." \*\*\* "Legislature passed law requiring prisoners to pay \$3.00 sick call fee for each incident. Lots of pending legislation to terminate: conjugal visits for close-custody and sexual offenders; weights, sports and TV unless prisoner puts in 8-hour day of work or school." \*\*\* Job? "Law library clerk. Presently, there is an investigation

going on and the library is undergoing an intensive search for contraband for two days. The library is closed indefinitely." \*\*\* "Still in training to be a mediator for a prisoner/prisoner dispute resolution center." \*\*\* "Regular visits [from my family]." \*\*\* "Paul Wright, Editor of *Prisoner Legal News* has been put in lock-up for investigation and a minute search of his property is underway. My property and that of another clerk has also undergone search for 2 hours."

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LAURA WHITEHORN writes from FCI Dublin, CA, where she was moved from Marianna "suddenly and unwillingly, by order of the warden at Marianna (after I called her a racist). I was trying to get to Danbury." \*\*\* "News of the comrades at Florence made my blood boil and my heart ache. Solidarity to all of them, and hopes for some success to those working against control units." \*\*\* "Despite the problems raised by my transfer (3000 miles from home), it's wonderful to see the POW's and political prisoners here, as well as other old friends. And, despite the horrid overcrowding & conditions here, it's good to be out of the isolation of the Shawnee control unit. Isolation attacks the spirit & personality in a unique and evil way. I hope people outside will make an extra effort to communicate with the comrades in Florence and all other control units--a small way to break through the isolation while waging a wider struggle to shut down the control units. Venceremos!"

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CHUCKIE AFRICA writes from SCI Graterford, PA: "Been hard at work doing what I can to gain signatures for petitions (from bro's families outside) and donations from bro's & sisters. We (Black Family Guardians) are getting lots of donations sent to Mumia Defense Fund and Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal...The forces of reaction are determined to murder our brother comrade Mumia, we must (inside and out) continue in our efforts to stop them." \*\*\* "I'm in good health and spirits." \*\*\* "Love, rage, togetherness through strife

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stress and struggle. But we'll win. Revolutionary greetings to all sistas brothas. Hey, Maroon, hang in there. Hopefully you will get some air soon." \*\*\* "Been rolling w/some good bro's here at the Fort; we're doing what we can to keep something progressive moving forward. The 'Rads ask about you all. Mumia, stay strong. Our turn will, shall come!" \*\*\* "On the MOVE."

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RICHARD MAFUNDI LAKE writes from William Donaldson C.F., Alabama, writes: "Habeas corpus appeal pending in U.S.Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, GA." \*\*\* Rules: "Prisoners have been stripped of their dollar per month, 2 free letters per week, movie each week, morning coffee. Shackles have been purchased to put prisoners back in the chain gang. Prisoners are told that they can buy sheets, combat boots, etc." \*\*\* "Trying to do some writing in regards to the Alabama prison struggle. I have been promising to do that for some time. I can't do the proper research to do an adequate job but have decided to write something anyway. Working to make the conference successful [April 8 in Birmingham]." \*\*\* "My father is recovering from heart surgery. My daughter Assata Shakur Lake is preparing to graduate from high school and attend college." \*\*\* "I would like to thank my wife (Weyni Njeri Lake) and my 2 young daughters (Assata and Maia Ne-Fertari) for being so strong and dealing with our adversity like true champions."

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MAROON (RUSSELL SHOATS) writes from SCI Greene, PA: "Family and supporters are mounting a determined campaign to put a stop to this arbitrary indefinite lock-down." \*\*\* "The federal govt. helped train [staff] and are subsidizing this place. It comes through clearly after comparing accounts coming out of Florence (double/triple talk, and 'Orwellian' words and methods). It is apparent that the only thing that will make a difference in this kind of situation is a full-fledged effort to address the strategy of using 'control units', nationwide." \*\*\* "Greetings to Comrade Mutulu Shakur. Cuta-

way (from Lompoc--by way of PA0 also is in this 21st century hellhole, and sends his regards to Mutulu." \*\*\* "Greetings and love to all the other comrades." \*\*\* "The state plans to execute 3 prisoners within the next few weeks. One prisoner is in the adjoining 'pod.' These characters keep all lights on (24 hours daily) in all of our cells--allegedly so they can keep an eye on him--they don't want him to hurt himself!"

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**KALONJI JIHAD** writes from Maximum Control Complex, Westville, IN: Rules: "Tuberculosis quarantine." \*\*\* "I refused to take a mantoux tuberculosis test and on Feb. 2, 1995, I was forcibly placed in D1-D2 Tuberculosis Quarantine section with Hannibal, Roosevelt Williams, Aaron Isby, Betah Parmashta Akinadab, Jones-Bey, Abdul Muslim, Naeem Trotter, Moore-Bey and Merrette. Most do not have tuberculosis nor have taken TB medication. Prisoncrats enforced sanctions, no outside/inside recreation, no visits, no telephone calls, no shower everyday, no law library satellite, no library book cart, and no food served on food trays (only sacks)." \*\*\* "Ventilation system has a gas smell that gives me headache and caused severe pain in my lungs." \*\*\* "De only prisoners left on tuberculosis quarantine are Williams, Jones Bey, Isby, Abdul and myself. Prisoncrats are intentionally giving conscious prisoners tuberculosis." \*\*\* "Flight de power." \*\*\* "Love to all POW's, P.P.'s, righteous oppressed people."

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**SANYIKA SHAKUR** writes from Pelican Bay State SHU: "Given additional 30 days on my release date for 'circumventing mail.' Release date is now 10/29/95." \*\*\* "A letter came from Tupac, but the soldiers returned it. Said no prisoner to prisoner correspondence. I tried to write him back; was threatened with a write-up." \*\*\* "The Prison News Service paper has been denied. The soldiers are starting to search cases for 'subversive material.'" \*\*\* "No job--in the hole indefinitely. Been under here 4 years. Still have proletarian conscious-

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ness." \*\*\* "Surrounded by criminals who'd rather oppose the soldiers with individual rage than to collectivize under a righteous program. It's frustrating. No organizing here." \*\*\* "Been asked by Mike Tyson to write his autobiography; have not decided yet. Trying to get Van Peebles to donate some of the proceeds from the movie 'Panther' to our captured comrades who made it their life to struggle..." \*\*\* "No health problems--they charge \$5.00 here for all medical & dental work." \*\*\* "Daughter Keonda is being propositioned by street combatants to clique. Her crew has had two confrontations with them. Must get to her aid." \*\*\* "Maroon, write San Publications, POB 8921 Moreno Valley, CA 92553-8921 with instructions on how to get the book to you. No fee necessary. Mafundi, hope you get mine." \*\*\* "Marilyn, hope your leg gets better." \*\*\* "Bulletproof love to all POWs/PP's."

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**RAY LUC LEVASSEUR** writes from Florence. (A cartoon strip at the top shows a prisoner behind bars asking the guard, "Why do they keep the political prisoners separate!" The guard answers, "We don't want them corrupting the felons.") "Now that I've got my personal computer, fax, copier and house plants set up, I thought I'd get down to bizness of sorts." \*\*\* "I have a letter/memo from the warden informing me that the March, 1995, issue of TJI is 'unacceptable.' Citing his reasons the warden goes beyond 'inmate to inmate' correspondence with this latest issue. He's trying to strengthen his position by stating that TJI was rejected as a publication because it met one of the following criteria: 'It depicts describes or encourages activities which may lead to the use of physical violence or group disruptions.' He further states that TJI is unacceptable because it 'consists of inmate letters of information to and about other inmates, their causes, organizations and strategies within state and federal prisons.' --Well, jeepers creepers--he's got us pegged as subversives!" \*\*\* "There's some important issues here that need looking into. If your lawyer's on the ball he'll start with the Supreme Court's *Abbot* decision (it sucks

but it clarifies the parameters.) \*\*\* "I'll maintain a record by filing an administrative appeal on every issue of TJI rejected." \*\*\* Commenting on his judgment that a *disproportionate* number of political prisoners find themselves in maximum/SHU type joints, Ray mentions a study by the California Prisoners Rights Union/Pelican Bay Information Project on 'The Most Frequently Disciplined Groups of Prisoners."

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**JIM BARRETT** writes from Florence: "Happy April to you!" \*\*\* "My 'administrative appeal' [on having his copy of TJI rejected] is going to the region. Then on to federal court." \*\*\*

"Meanwhile, down in this world, the screws on us are tightening. Also, 3 weeks ago, six of us were moved from E to just-opened D unit. A week, after 40 more guys from Marion arrived, bringing the population to around 140." \*\*\* "Love!"

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**HERMAN BELL** writes from Easter NY State: "NYS has begun double-bunking in its medium-security prisons; am given to understand that it will also occur in some of the maxies. Double-bunking is new in this state. How the prison class will react to this policy is unclear. Similarly, for 2 years new prisoners have been required to pay \$5.00 each time they appear before an Adjustment Hearing and found guilty; and you know they are invariably found guilty of violating rules." "In its policy of being tough on crime the state legislature took our 5 free letters a week as well as our 10% discount at the store. And to show how tough he is the new governor signed a 'death bill' for the state and proposed that state prisoners now pay \$1.00 per week for room and board -- we earn about \$5.00 a week." \*\*\* "I shared this strictly to give you guys some idea of the changes occurring in this state, let along all the budget cuts here and in the US Congress...I know the conditions of confinement are far worse for some of us than for others; my little observations are insignificant by comparison." \*\*\* "Greetings to all."

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**PRINCE IMARI A. OBADELE** writes from Willis 1 plantation, Hunts(down niggahs)ville, TX: "For Standing Deer and the rest of the A.M. 31 crew I send our clenched fist salute and hope that you are both well." \*\*\* "[I am] right down the hall from 'Death Row.' There is an eerie presence that permeates this plantation because of Death Row. It is almost as if it drains all the life-spirit out of a lot of these slaves. They just move around here like zombies...Not even on Death Row and a lot of these dudes are dead already." \*\*\* My post-conviction write-up is still pending. I just finished typing up my Proposed Findings of Facts and Order. The sentencing court will then make its recommendation and forward it all to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals who will then make a ruling. It looks good for my chances. But, this is the enemy's court..." \*\*\* "I was just interviewed by the unit parole counselor. The UPC does the preliminary report for the parole board. That is the theory, anyway. The fact is the unit parole counselor is the one who determines whether you make parole, or not." \*\*\* New rules? "The entire Texas prison cyst'm has gone 'smoke-free!' It is now illegal to possess, use, trade, or sell tobacco and tobacco-related products, including, but not limited to matches." \*\*\* "I am a food server. Hate it! The pigs propose to make us police the food: 'one spoon' of this, 'one spoon' of that...So far I have been fortunate not to...catch a 'case' for feeding my fellow-sufferers." \*\*\* "What we do here is hold history, political education and reparations classes at our weekly meetings." \*\*\* "Family is cool. Except my son; he just received 16 years in Minnesota." \*\*\* "We are going to continue to define 'reparations' in material and non-material terms and struggle to make the release of all libertarian PPs. and POWs part of any reparations settlement to the Black (New Afrikan) Nation here in the western hemisphere." \*\*\* "Reparators Up! pigs down."

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**CARMEN VALENTIN** writes from Camp Parks, Dublin, CA: "I wish I could share some new and exciting ideas (but) like most of you I'm just reading, exercising, keeping in touch with the

'free' world, especially the political comrades, calling my family--mother, son, granddaughter." \*\*\* "I'm expecting a visit in June from my son Antonio and my precious granddaughter, Karina." \*\*\* "My son is attending Northern Illinois University, first year of Law School. Hopefully, he can assist in the future those political prisoners that have 'legalities' pending." \*\*\* "I'm playing as much tennis as possible, in the event they follow through with their threat of eliminating it." \*\*\* "Our 15th year of captivity was April 4." \*\*\* "We have no litigation pending before the US justice system. 'Where shall we seek justice when the injustice of power is our destruction?' Truer words have not been uttered!" "The 3 Puerto Rican Congressmen/women met in Washington two weeks ago with a group that represents us. They expressed great interest in working more actively towards our freedom. Perhaps, we will be free in the next 5-10 years! If it comes sooner, I'm ready!" \*\*\* "In struggle--For a Free Puerto Rico!"

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News of **SILVIA BARALDINI** from the Release Silvia Committee: "Silvia is in good health. Since the emergency health campaign Silvia has received timely check-ups and there has been no recurrence of cancer." \*\*\* "The petition by Silvia and Italy for her transfer [to Italy] was denied in December, for the third time. This, in spite of the growing expressions of support here; mass demonstrations in Rome, Milan, Naples, Florence, Bologna, Livorno, Ferrara, Pisa and Siena; and the unanimous vote by the European Parliament for Silvia's return to her homeland." The Committee enclosed a plea for **OSCAR LOPEZ-RIVERA**: "Call Warden William Story of Florence Prison at (719) 784-9464 and demand: 1) Stop the sleep deprivation; 2) Stop the abusive body and cavity strip searches; 3) Transfer him to another prison."

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**DEBBIE AFRICA** writes from SCI-Cambridge Springs, PA: "I received your latest news letter dated March 1995. I receive all of your news

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letters." \*\*\* "I'm writing to let you know that we [Janice Phillips Africa, Merle Austin Africa, Janet Hollaway Africa] all have the same address [see below]." \*\*\* She adds: "Pending: PCRA hearing in Philadelphia at City Hall this May."

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**DAVID GILBERT** writes from Great Meadows C.F., Comstock, NY: "The most urgent need I've felt in this period is for a strong response to the new death penalty momentum that threatens Mumia in Pennsylvania. I spent last weekend writing everyone I know that isn't already on a response network asking them to call the governor and to get in touch with a support committee, to stop the attempt to execute Mumia. I hope that there is a powerful national and international groundswell on this." \*\*\* "The reports from Florence sound like the place is as vicious and anti-human as advertised. My hugs and solidarity to the very strong comrades there." \*\*\* "It looked like our proposal for an AIDS information office would be accepted back in January. But then everything got put on hold until 'the dust settles' from the budget cuts to be decided in April. Our proposal should still be accepted because it is designed to run without any DOC funds. Nonetheless, who knows what changes and upheavals will come with all the punitive measures that have been proposed." \*\*\* "In the meantime, we are all set to begin a second round, training 15 new Peer Educators on AIDS, beginning April 5th. I have recently made a job change from being a teacher's aide in Adult Basic Education (which I enjoyed) to being in an office, which I don't like, but it puts me in a better position to coordinate the AIDS education and to hopefully set up the AIDS Information Office." \*\*\* "Kalongi Jihad expressed an interest in getting the 'Captive Voice'-POW magazine. I assume this is the one from Irish POWs. I'm not sure but I believe he can get it, or find out how to do so, from Irish People, 363 7th Ave., Suite 405, NY, NY 10001." \*\*\* "Love and solidarity to all."

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**SHAKA SHAKUR** writes from Indiana State Prison: "Case denied transfer by State Supreme Kourt. Kourt refused to correct 2 contradictory rulings by lower Kourt. I'm preparing to file habeas corpus in de federal kourt." \*\*\* "After de recent death of a guard here & after de state murder of Ajamu Nassor there have been many new rules and security measures. K-9 units have been moved behind de walls and now escort us from location to location." \*\*\* "[Not allowed job in Ad Seg, [but] I continue to work for de people." \*\*\* "We are trying to encourage other prisoners to begin taking a more active role in challenging a lot of de right wing repression coming down. Indiana passed laws requiring prisoners who are convicted of murder to serve 100% of their sentence and others to serve 85% of their sentence. This must be confronted from de inside and de outside" "Just filed a malpractice complaint [about denial of treatment for a bad back]" \*\*\* "I would like to say to all of de brothers/prisoners at Florence that we are strengthened and inspired by their example and strength. We must pay close attention to Florence for it will be de order of de day in de future. A salute to Comrade Zolo Azania."

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**ANA LUCIA GELABERT** sends us from Amarillo, TX a poster with a handsome Zapatista soldier saying, "I want you for the Northern Front, Zapatista Army!"

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**ELEGGUA OSUN ELUFE** writes from Eastern NY State: "I appear once again in court on my parole appeal." \*\*\* "I [still] am involved with organized groups [fighting for]prisoner's rights." \*\*\* "I still assist in teaching a legal awareness class, a Latino cultural class. I am a part of a prisoners' AIDS group and a non-violent group and a prisoners' rights group." \*\*\* "My family is [suffering] from the passing of my aunt but they are learning from this experience." \*\*\* "...Despite the oppression we are experiencing we have many things to share...and I truly appreciate sharing my experiences and feelings

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with you all...remain strong and defiant. We have one common goal."

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**AKONO G. OLATUNJI** writes from Westville, IN: "I haven't had a conduct report in 3 yrs. of any kind. However, within that same 3 yrs. I've been on investigative seg. countless times, administrative seg. for an entire year, predator cell house 7 months & currently 14 months in super max." \*\*\* "In 1993 I established the Temple of Afrikan National Colonial Liberation (TANCL) and since that time my every waking hour has been dedicated to perfecting the political, social & economic objectives of the org. The TANCL is committed to resolving the primary contradiction of colonialism by politicizing, educating & organizing the oppressed and the street element." \*\*\* "One of the reasons I was sent to the Max. Control Complex was my establishing a successful Africentric political science study group." \*\*\* "So far through the grace of Yahweh I've remained healthy." \*\*\* "To all PPs/POWs & comrades I extend a raised clenched fist salute in revolutionary love & solidarity." \*\*\* "I remain a servant of the people."

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**SUNDIATA ACOLI** writes from Allenwood, PA, that he wasn't sure his previous report on his being mistakenly locked up had been received by TJI [It was in the March issue]. He added to that story: "Basically what happened is that a new gung-ho guard was assigned to the housing unit and from day-one went about giving out petty disciplinary charges to any and everybody for the slightest reason, and soon the housing unit was in a constant uproar during his work shift. Since he could find no prisoner to blame specifically, he decided to have me locked up for 'investigation'--which means locked up while they investigate the situation. They investigated and found I had no hand in the disturbance and released me." \*\*\* "Everything else is everything. Give my best to all..." \*\*\* "Love, struggle..."

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MOHAMMAD A. SALAMEH writes from Leavenworth, KS: "I would like to give my regards to all the Prisoners of War and the Political Prisoners, especially all my co-defendants and my brothers in MCC-New York." \*\*\* "Everything here still the same, my conditions have not changed. I told the administration about The Illegal Alien Law and was told I am an exception (still in Unicor)." \*\*\* "Prison is over-crowded once again (back to 1800 prisoner). As for our friend Bill Dunne: who was jumped on recently in the hole by the guards without any reason." \*\*\* "Stay strong, struggle continues, I will not forget you."

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A notice in *Brew City Anti-Authoritarian*, a publication out of Milwaukee, WI states: "February 10, 1995, the Omnibus Counterterrorism Bill was introduced as S.390 into the Senate and as H.R.86 in the House. It was initiated by the FBI, and passed on by the Justice Dept. and the White House. Senators Biden and Specter initiated it in the Senate, Rep. Schumer and Dicks in the House. ...SUMMARY: This is a general charter for the FBI and other agencies, including the military, to investigate political groups and causes at will....FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kit Gage, Washington Liaison, National Lawyers Guild, 3321 12th St., NE, Washington DC 20017." \*\*\* Report on Mumia Abu-Jamal's current legal status: "It is anticipated that a death warrant could be signed ..by Mid-March. This is based on information that Tom Ridge, Pennsylvania's governor, will start signing warrants within the next week or so and Mumia is #5...[ Attorney] Leonard Weinglass and his team are prepared to file papers within 10 days following the signing of the warrant." There are plans for national and international reaction to the signing of the death warrant. \*\*\* A letter from Mumia in this issue of *Brew City*...says, in part: "If we are who we say we are, then it is our task our duty, to build, to structure, to organize our movements, among the poor, among the oppressed, among students, among and around every sector and strata, to roll back the repressive tide that is flowing like a glacier, across many of our

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countries..." [Mumia Abu-Jamal, #Am-8335, Greene State Prison, 1040 E. Roy Furman Hwy., Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090]

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Received from Canada a copy of *Cell Count*, a newsletter issued by PASAN (Prisoners with HIV/AIDS Support Action Network), 517 College St., Suite 324, Toronto, Ont. M6G 4A2. PASAN "is a community-based network of prisoners, ex-prisoners, organizations, activists and individuals working together to provide advocacy, education and support to prisoners on HIV/AIDS and related issues." PASAN "accepts collect calls from prisoners: (416-920-9567." *Cell Count* is free to prisoners. \*\*\*

PASAN is organizing the first Canadian conference on HIV/AIDS in prisons to take place in Kingston, Ontario this coming summer. They expect to bring in about 150 activists, educators, ex-prisoners and people living with HIV/AIDS from across Canada...They hope to be able to negotiate day-passes for prisoners to attend the workshops.

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An article in *Pelican Bay Prison Express*, issued by the Pelican Bay Information Project of the Prisoners Rights Union, 2489 Mission St. #28, San Francisco, CA 94110 tells us: "Debriefing means giving them [prison authorities] your life story highlighted by the names of every criminal associate...From then on, the debriefer knows they have information that could be used at any time to discipline or even prosecute him. He has sold his soul to escape the SHU....No one could tell us how much information a prisoner has to give before the 'debriefing' is over and the prisoner is released out of Pelican Bay. None of the men we talked with had debriefed, to our knowledge, and when someone does, he disappears without even returning to his cell to pick up his belongings...."

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BONNIE KERNESS of the American Friends Service Committee writes of the progress of the "Campaign to Abolish Control Unit Prisons:"

"A 'How To Monitor' book is being prepared; there's a questionnaire which is being tried out in Colorado and some Oberlin College students are preparing a brochure. Others are making arrangements for a July 16/17 Tribunal/Vigil in Washington, DC. We are seeking people to testify on the impact and conditions..."

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A newsletter from the **LEONARD PELTIER** Defense Committee reports: "Several months ago, Attorney General Janet Reno rescinded the old guidelines for the release of information requested under FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). Under the new guidelines information shall be much easier to secure.... The FBI has refused to deliver the radio communications between agents Williams and Coler during the shoot-out which would establish without doubt what vehicle they were pursuing that early afternoon of June 26, 1975. They claimed confidential informant. There was no informant. These were radio communications! Under the new guidelines this sort of illegal activity should be minimized. ...[We have filed a new FOIA request...] The general feeling is that we may have to fight the FBI in court again, but under the new guidelines they have no chance of winning provided we can pay legal and court fees."

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